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In the Interest of Clarity

To the Editor:

In a recent issue of the official publication of the National Association of Evangelicals under the section "What NAE is Doing," on page 5 appears the paragraph entitled "Commission on Evangelical Educational Institutions." The paragraph in question reads in part, " . . . Under its leadership the Bible Institutes have been encouraged to establish a national accrediting association which is now functioning as an independent organization."

I am writing as President of the Accrediting Association of Bible Institutes and Bible Colleges to correct a slight mis-impression which no doubt was inadvertently included in the above statement. The National Association of Evangelicals had nothing whatever to do with the establishing of the Accrediting Association. In fact, it was established independently of all existing organizations in the realization that to be of value it must stand entirely on its own merits and not be sponsored or directed by any existing association or organizations. I believe this fact should be clearly understood in fairness to all the members of the Accrediting Association.

This is not to be construed, as any criticism whatever upon the splendid work that the NAE is doing in the field of education in general and higher education in particular.

S. H. SUTHERLAND

Los Angeles, Calif.

More Blackmore!

To the Editor:

We need more articles like "Is Roman Catholicism Broad and Tolerant?" by Glenwood Blackmore (UEA June 1). Our nation is not fully aware of the threat and danger of Romanism. It is high time we start placing the facts and Roman quotes at their disposal. Tolerance of our part will lead to our destruction. Mr. Blackmore says he has more facts. Let us have them.

ARTHUR H. STAINBACK

New York City

That Sheep Story

To the Editor:

I would like to add something to the comments made by Dr. Harry Rimmer in UEA for June 1 concerning Jacob's ignorance of the laws of heredity. The story is not easy to understand to any casual reader of the Bible.

Jacob believed he could influence his employer's sheep so that the lambs born among peeled rods would become striped, speckled, and spotted. So he arranged for the sheep to breed among boughs, peeled with white stripes in them. The result, according to the Bible story, was just what Jacob wanted.

A hundred years ago, Mendel's laws proved that Jacob's peeled rods had nothing to do with the color of newborn sheep. That is determined at the time of conception, by the characteristics of the parents.

God revealed this to Jacob by a dream. It was then that Jacob understood that his own cleverness had gained him nothing.

God told Jacob in a dream to open his eyes and see that "the rams . . are striped, specked, and mottled." So Jacob realized that God had caused it to be so, and that this was how it came about that the offspring had these same characteristics.

BARNEY OVENSEN

Staten Island, N. Y.

FRONT PAGE PHOTO: Evangelicals call upon the Italian Ambassador in Washington. Reading left to right: Rev. Dominic Lisciandrelli, General Secretary, Italian Branch Assemblies of God; Rev. Anthony Piraino, Elder, Italian Branch Assemblies of God; Dr. A. di Domenica, Leader in Italian Baptist movement in United States and Pastor for more than forty years of Italian Baptist Church in Philadelphia; Dr. Frank B. Gigliotti, Secretary-Treasurer, Citizens United for Religious Emancipation; Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, Secretary of Public Affairs, National Association of Evangelicals; His Excellency Umberto Tarchiani, Italian Ambassador to the United States; Dr. Charles Fama, Former Chairman, American Board of Medical Examiners, New York, National President, American Committee for Religious Liberty in Italy; and Rev. Umberto Gorietti, National Presbyter of the Assemblies of God, Rome, Italy. Other members of the committee not in picture: Rev. Alexander Mauriello, National Treasurer, Italian Branch, Assemblies of God and Rev. Francis Panetta, Editor, **Il Resorgimento**, National Itlalian Evangelical publication.

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RELIGIOUS FREEDOM AGAIN THREATENED IN ITALY

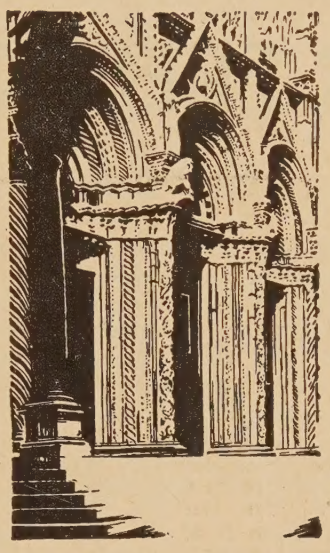
CLYDE W. TAYLOR *

N June 11 photostatic evidence was received in Washington of further infringements of reli- s liberty in Italy. On April 11 small group of Pentecostal stians met in a private home osarno. The meeting was closed olice who were no doubt sent by the local Roman Catholic y and the people were charged violating an Act of the Min- of the Interior. The court in ni, Italy on April 27 of this year d the three leaders of that er meeting 1,000 lire each and cost of the trial, because they a prayer meeting in a home.

ne edict under which the arrests made was issued during the of Mussolini under the date April 9, 1935, and outlaws meet- for worship in private homes Pentecostals and other "non- gnized" groups of Protestants. law has been obsolete for years yet the Roman Catholic clergy inues to use it as a threat over heads of Protestants in Italy iving them of their religious dom.

he group of American evangel- that has consistently fought the freedom of our brethren in took it upon themselves to call upon the State Department and Italian Ambassador in Wash- on and protest this latest act of ation of Article 15 of the Italian ce Treaty with the United es of America.

he Honorable Samuel Reber, ng Assistant Secretary of State Political Affairs, was very fair promised full cooperation of State Department in securing cooperation of Italy in fulfilling terms of the Peace Treaty. s would entail of necessity the cial statement by the Italian ernment to all local clergy and



authorities that the Act of 1935 is not only obsolete but unconstitutional.

The Ambassador of Italy, His Excellency Umberto Tarchiani assured the committee of his cooperation and promised to help in every way to see to it that the constitutional provisions for religious liberty are observed by his Government. This meeting was held in the office of the Italian Ambassador. (See front page photo).

This is the second time this year that it has been necessary for evangelicals to take such action. On February 3 seven men, four of whom are members of the National Association of Evangelicals, gathered in Washington to take appropriate action about similar cases of persecution (UEA, March 15). Dr. Frank Gigliotti, of La Mesa, California, an outstanding authority of Italian affairs, a high ranking member of our Wartime Office of Strategic Service, and a determined defender of religious liberty, was chosen chairman and spokesman in a formal protest. The writer was asked to officially represent the NAE as the protesting constituency and the other members as advisers and sponsors.

This committee was received by an Under Secretary of State and at the Italian Embassy. An oral protest was made to our Government on the basis of our treaty with Italy. At the Italian Embassy, the committee was graciously received by the Italian Minister, Baron Mario di Stefano, on behalf of the Ambassador who was absent from the city. A letter addressed to the Ambassador was presented, read and discussed at much length. The committee offered to produce documentary evidence of every case of persecution mentioned. We were assured of the sincere desire of the Embassy and the Italian Government to fulfill its agreements with our nation and protect the rights of our suffering brethren in Italy. The results of these conferences were most interesting and heartening. On February 4, the prisoners mentioned in our letter were released by order from Rome and a general order for the release of all other such prisoners was given. An order was issued to open all closed Protestant churches. This has been confirmed by communications received both direct from Rome and through the Embassy in Washington.

We anticipate equally salutary results from our latest interviews.

The people of Italy have had the sincere cooperation of our American public, a vast majority of whom are Protestant, in preserving their liberties. Furthermore, through the efforts of our nation, Italy has received hundreds of millions of dollars of aid for national rehabilitation. One of the organizations which has profited largely by loans of American dollars has been the Roman Catholic Church in Italy because, due to the concordat agreement between Italy and the Vatican, the government must pay salaries of the Catholic clergy. This full support has been facilitated by our foreign loans. Thus, it would seem, that the least the Roman Catholic

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Church in Italy could do would be to cooperate with the government in carrying out its treaty with the United States, and guarantee religious freedom to Protestant minorities in Italy.

However, in view of the consistent failure of the Roman Church to cooperate and the failure of the government of Italy to seriously enforce its law in this regard, evidence has been accumulated to expose hundreds of violations of these laws by the clergy and local authorities in Italy. New data being collected constantly.

American evangelicals are on t job here in Washington to see th the right to religious freedom protected wherever the flag flies American influence is strong.

CHRISTIANS AND THE FAITH FOR FREEDOM*

R. L. DECKER

(Part II)

IN a democracy it is inevitable that there should be a certain amount of tension between various special interest groups. These tensions have existed from the beginning in the United States. In fact the conflicting interests of the original colonies created so much tension and misunderstanding that it took thirteen years to complete the ratification of the constitution by the colonies. During that period of time it often appeared that "special interests" would subvert the effort to form a more perfect union. The adoption of the "Bill of Rights" brought assurance and elicited the cooperation essential to the formation of a nation. In this historic "tension crisis" and in every one since, the solution has never been found in the absolute victory of one special interest over all others. Sometimes the solution was what seemed at the time a dangerous compromise. Actually spiritual forces were at work which were unrecognized at the time and which more often than not have been uncredited since.

At this moment the atmosphere is electric with tensions which have potentialities of power to destroy our nation. Unless the tension between management and labor, between the negroes and the "whites," between Romanism and Protestantism, and between the collectivists and the individualists are resolved reasonably and peaceably by truly democratic processes within the framework of government created by our American ideal of Freedom then we shall destroy ourselves without the assistance of Russia or the atomic bomb!

The great American experiment in democracy has lasted only 172 years. That is not a very long time in history. It is not long enough to prove by sheer length of time that democracy is the best form of government. It may be long enough to prove that when men are politically, socially and economically free their freedom serves only to give them opportunity to express their unworthiness to be free. If this statement sounds cynical, let it be remembered that this cynicism is the underlying philosophy about man implicit in every totalitarian collectivist plan.

I submit that the Evangelical Faith — *The* Faith, once for all delivered — is what has saved the democratic civilization of Britain and America from this cynicism in other crises in the past.

Biblical theology takes full account of the sinfulness of man. In seeking a solution to the present tensions between special interest groups in our own country, we should take into account the fact that lack of faith by man in man is based upon a fact—the fact that man is selfish, that he will serve his own interests regardless of those of others. This is something that the Evangelical Faith does not overlook, but the schemes for improvement between the races and between the other special interest groups which are constructed by modernistic idealists, do overlook this fa Consequently these schemes are realistic and impractical. The go which the social planners desire reach in so far as they can attained among human beings at can be reached only when a su cient number of the commun have been regenerated by the Po of God. Dr. John Wesley Bre has shown rather conclusively his valuable work, *This Freed Whence,* that all of the great stri toward freedom from the into able conditions that prevailed in latter part of the seventeenth c tury and the first part of the ei teenth, were taken under the spiration of the Wesleyan Rev of the later eighteenth and the ea nineteenth century.

The solution to our present pr lem is not to be found in any orga zational or special interest gro winning a clear cut victory over the others. It is not to be fo even in the political or organ tional victory of Protestantism c Romanism. But it is to be found a real revival of the Evangel Faith.

Man can only have confide enough in his fellow man to t him and to work cooperatively gether for great social goals w he on the one hand, realistically ognizes the depravity of the nat man, and on the other hand, beli in the "improvability" of men, primarily by education or refo but by the regenerating power the Holy Spirit of God.

Therefore the Evangelical F is *The Faith* for Freedom. F dom will disappear from among

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* Concluding installment of the keynote address at the official opening of the sixth annual convention of the National Association of Evangelicals, Chicago, May 3-6. The general theme of the program was "The Faith for Freedom."

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FORWARDING THE FAITH FOR FREEDOM*

STEPHEN W. PAINE

Part II

UT what of the evangelicals? Here we see a divided condition. Thousands of evangelicals in in liberal denominations. e no doubt are blindly loyal to church. Others are working to their denomination out of the ral Council and to restore gelical leadership. Still others given up hope of reform and awaiting the most opportune to withdraw and endeavoring onvince other evangelicals to t a similar cause.

en there are those evangelicals rising the American Council of stian Churches. These men are ly those who have come out beral denominations. They are to the evangelical position; are uncompromising with tasy. Many of them have taken ngly the loss of church prop-s. They are organized pri-ly to contend with the Federal ncil of Churches which they re-as nearly co-terminous with alism and apostasy. They em-ize a doctrine of "separation" h says in effect that a person hurch remaining in a Federal ncil denomination, even though person or church may be gelical, must not be fellow-ed by other evangelicals, as in rganization for united action. ACCC have accomplished much . They have united in an gelical gospel witness denomi-ns totaling some 120,000 mem- and in addition a number not known of evangelicals in single ches.

ext in the evangelical picture we our own group, the National ciation of Evangelicals, main-ng an unequivocal witness to evangelical faith and endeavor- to unite in this witness all ngelicals. The NAE recognizes there are many evangelicals remaining in Federal Council denominations; it offers to these as well as to other evangelicals the right hand of fellowship.

God has been pleased to bless the witness of the NAE. Up to this convention time, twenty-nine denominations were wholly affiliated in actual membership and through our commissions we were serving a total of some fifty-two denominations. You have been listening to the commission reports throughout the convention and there is no need of my going into detail at this point. The Lord has given us in the short time since 1942 UEA, an evangelical news magazine which has earned for itself a real place in the sun.

But this divided condition among evangelicals reveals that there remains yet much to be done in the field of united action. These two organizations of evangelicals have not seemed to be able to pull together even in matters where cooperation, it would appear, might have been possible. At certain points there have been efforts to bring about a degree of cooperation, but to date such efforts have not been successful.

Not only do our relations with the American Council continue to be poorly but many other evangelical groups and agencies hesitate to cooperate with either the NAE or the ACCC. The result is a setback for and a retarding of united action among evangelicals.

Summarizing now our inquiry into the state of the faith, we have to marvel that God has accomplished as much as He has in view of some of the untoward circumstances.

Forwarding the Faith

Finally we ask, "How may we forward the faith?" Well I suppose there is no golden shortcut, no magic work which will automatically produce the answer. We who have been working with the NAE for the past few years feel that in spite of all our clumsiness God has led our Board, our leaders, our policy committee, the men directing the work of the commissions, to some pretty valid judgments as to the basic policies of the organization. To begin with He has given us a very unusual group of leaders—men of unusual parts who are willing to serve the evangelical cause under circumstances which were sometimes discouraging. I see no better way to forward the faith than by following out the general lines of policy which these men, by the help of the Lord, have found for us, but doing our best to correct some of the faults at which we have taken a sober look this evening.

Naturally the program will include witnessing our faith in the evangelical Gospel. We have of course been doing that from the beginning. And just this past year Dr. Decker and his helpers carried the standard for us in several great rallies stressing the theme of "Faith for Our Times." Likewise in the columns of UEA there has been a constant indoctrination of the readers, direct or indirect, as to the things for which we stand.

In a recent Board meeting when we were discussing the matter of evangelism, the point was made that the kind of evangelism in which the NAE itself might legitimately engage without trespassing upon the prerogatives of the churches would be that evangelism which consists in witnessing to the faith. We tend to take it for granted that almost everybody knows what the faith *is*, whereas this is not so. The ordinary church member in a liberal or in a conservative church has only a hazy idea as to what is orthodoxy and what is heterodoxy. The man in the street, the politician, the butcher, the baker, the candlestick maker, know little as to the faith. We had better make it our business to witness to this faith again and again, thus forwarding the entire evangelical cause.

Again we should be mindful of our calling to unite, so far as is possible, and not to divide evangel-

*Concluding installment of the closing ess at the sixth annual convention he National Association of Evangel- by the newly-elected president of Association.

icals. How may this translate in our relationships with the ACCC? I do not pretend to know how far we should or can go in making common cause with these brethren. But of one thing I feel sure—we should keep toward them the spirit of Christ, should remember that we are brethren in the Lord. We should commend them when there is occasion, show an attitude of Christian love. We should absolutely abstain from all comment which would impugn their motives or methods, complain of ill-handling, or seem to retaliate and answer back.

Some will now raise the "sixty-four dollar question," "May we address ourselves *at all* to the honest differences between us, since they are bound to do so, and our silence will be construed as an admission that there is no answer?" I am not quite sure of the answer to this question. It would certainly seem that there ought to be a way to deal objectively and in a Christian spirit with such differences. But men in whose sweet Christian spirit I have felt every confidence have sometimes, in cases like this, written things that seemed as I read them to carry a sting. We do like to do our work well, you know. And on occasion in my office, when replying ever so sweetly (I thought) to some crabbed note received from a critic, I have said to my secretary, "What do you think of it?" only to have her hesitate and then reply, "Well, I really thought it was quite a bit like the letter you were answering." Can we trust ourselves when we pick up that pen? I certainly hope that nothing in what I am saying may deserve this same condemnation.

Certainly any material touching on differences between the NAE and the American Council should be sifted carefully by our committee on editorial policy before being used. Whether or not it should be used even thus will have to be for our Board to decide. Just before leaving this point I feel like passing the opinion that rapprochement with the American Council may not be as difficult as some might think. There are some similarities of approach which we shall do well to keep in mind. Both groups are admittedly true to the evangelical faith. Both groups admit to membership individuals and local churches which have not seceded from Federal Council denominations, although the American Council gives no vote to any but denominations. And finally the American Council leaders, or some of them, grant that not all churches in the Federal Council are apostate (McIntire, *Twentieth Century Reformation,* p. 206) so that their doctrine of separation from apostasy would apparently not apply to these.

Again, in forwarding the faith, we shall need to have in hand a policy for the near future and also for the more remote future. This policy will need to be specific enough to translate the NAE's overall objective into each commission's sphere of activity. It will have to be worked out with the cooperation of the commissions themselves. Perhaps we should work out a five year plan for the NAE which shall include the work of the commissions. This will be a task for the Board and perhaps the Executive Committee.

Again, in all this we must recognize the spiritual nature of the conflict. It is "not by might nor by power." We shall go forward only on our knees. How many of us pray daily for the work of the NAE? We should. Let us do so by the Lord's help!

Finally let us recall that only upon the basis of personal responsibility and personal sacrifice can the NAE go forward. It is too easy to say, "Let others do it—I'm too busy." Who isn't busy? But as each of us stands in one place round about the camp, accepting personal responsibility, then I am sure that God too will perform His all important part and victory will be our portion.

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Christians and the Faith

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if there is not a revival of Evangelical Faith. Evangelical Christians must take such action as is conducive to such a revival. We can discover what this action is only by heeding the Word of God, which is His revealed Will. What is God's Will for Christians today?

Allow me to point out that there is at least a hint to the answer to that question in the exhortation the Apostle Paul gave to the Church at Philippi, in Philippians 1:27, when he exhorted the believers there: "let your manner of life be worthy of the Gospel . . . stand firm in one spirit, with one mind, *vigorously cooperating* for the faith of the Gospel."

There are those who, noting t organizational divisions of Christe dom, say that the only way revi of Christian influence and pow sufficient to meet the needs of t times can come, is for the divid organizations of Christendom unite in one organizational whe The National Association of Eva gelicals does not take that positi We believe that the solution to t problem is not to be found in orga zational uniformity, but in empi sis upon the spiritual unity wh now exists and always has exis among truly regenerated peo There are over fifty different nominations represented in t NAE, but we are able to "sta fast in one spirit and in one mi on the fundamentals of *The Fa* Therefore we are able to cooper for "the Faith of the Gospel."

I should like to emphasize the pression I have used in translat Paul's word the Authorized Vers translates "striving together." word, as you students of the Gr know, is one by which we are minded of athletic contests. In f it is the Greek word from which get our English word "athle Just as in an athletic contest any kind there must be real vi in effort, and there must be operation on the part of the sev members of a team who are st ing together, or cooperating for one goal. So in what we are do today there must be vigorous operation toward one end or g Evangelicals are not in doubt a the nature of that goal. We fully aware that the Bible does encourage us to believe that preaching a few more sermons by establishing a few more sch or by sending out a few more sionaries, we will bring in millennium. We know that we engaged in a titanic struggle, the warfare is not with flesh blood, but with principalities powers. But our resources too, spiritual, and therefore our wea are effectual. The richness of resources does not relieve us, h ever, of any responsibility for e cising real vigor in our fight. do not ask an evangelical beli or any evangelical denominatio surrender or compromise at a si point their doctrinal convictions. do invite and urge every B believing Christian, every t evangelical organization, to joi in vigorously cooperating all a the line for The Faith of the Go

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yan Methodists e to Join N A E

ACUSE, N. Y.—The Board of stration of the Wesleyan Metho- urch of America met here in its meeting June 16. The Board eports from the various mission- partments, the publishing corpo- the Weslyan Young People's , and the four institutions of education—Central College, l, South Carolina, Miltonvale an College, Miltonvale, Kansas, colleges), Marion College, Mar- ndiana, and Houghton College, ton, New York, (senior four- olleges).

Board of Administration nously approved a resolution in of making application for affilia- the denomination with the Na- Association of Evangelicals. The an Methodist Church comprises -seven annual conferences in the States and Canada besides the n conferences on the foreign The total membership is 30,625.

r far reaching actions of the included the authorization of a college in Melbourne, Australia known as the Wesleyan Metho- ible Cillege of Melbourne. Dr. . Nicholson, General Conference nt and chairman of the Board of istration presided at all sessions.

Champlain Conference (New of the church has been a mem- the NAE. The Lockport Confer- New York) took similar action ear. Other Wesleyan Methodist ences were contemplating seek- embership in the NAE when this of the Board of Administration aken.

Urges Emphasis Childhood Training

CAGO.—Increased devotion to sk of training America's children waged upon the church in a tion recently adopted by the nal Association of Evangelicals.

resolution reads: "Inasmuch as nt decision of the Supreme Court has been based, as they empha- upon the principle of Separation urch and State, it behooves the ian public while seeking further cation of this principle: (1) to ain what steps should be taken truct thoroughly our children in ll and precious Gospel of our and Savior Jesus Christ; (2) to ttention to the increasing secu- within all schools and attempt y any further progress of such rism, taking a united stand t any further crowding of Christ a central place in our American e.

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"Therefore, be it resolved that the NAE go on record as favoring a concerted and nationwide drive among its various members, committees and commissions: (1) to reconstitute the home as the place of vital Christian nurture; (2) to pray earnestly for a revival of concern among all churches to the end that they fulfill their God-given task of Christian instruction; (3) to publicize the fact that outside Jesus Christ moral character has no true foundation upon which to build; (4) to emphasize in local communities that inasmuch as the court's decision is ambiguous local programs which are not clearly forbidden should continue until specific and constitutional action terminates them."

Christian Home Crusade Grows

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—The "Christian Home Crusade" sponsored by the NAE is growing rapidly. Literature has been mailed to twenty-six states, Canada and the British Isles. In addition to calls from pastors and lay leaders, inquiries are being received by the Upper Midwest Area NAE office indicating a desire by denominations, organizations, publishers, evangelists and broadcasters to use the plan, or some of its unique features, on a large scale.

Not only the time suggested ("National Family Week" Through Father's Day) but other periods are being utilized to present the crusade because of the urgent need to establish family altars and encourage godliness in the home. The simplicity of the plan and its adaptability to the local church program have elicited wide favor.

Rev. John W. Walkup, executive secretary of the Upper Midwest Area of the NAE, originator of the plan, anticipates further development of the packet and a larger list of helpful literature, including a "Christian Home Library" to be ready early in 1949. Free literature will be mailed upon request to Christian Home Crusade, 530 Andrus Bldg., 512 Nicollet Ave., Minneapolis 2, Minnesota.

Fresno Evangelicals Install New Officers

FRESNO, Calif.—The annual business meeting of the Fresno Chapter of The National Association of Evangelicals was held at the Full Gospel Tabernacle recently.

The following officers were elected for the new year: President, Dr. C. E. Caskey; Vice President, Dr. George Peters; Secretary, Dr. W. Doyle Opie; Treasurer, Mr. Hilmer Bentson. Members of the Executive Committee are J. C. Brumfield, J. F. Streit, Dwight Prickett, I. E. Penberthy, A. N. Willems, Ross Dewdney, Floyd L. Hawkins, J. D. Hofer, Mrs. Marion Polk, and D. T. Jenkins.

After a splendid musical program Dr. Henry E. Hedrick, the new director of the NAE in this area, was introduced and installed the new officers. He then gave a stirring report on the National Convention held in Chicago and also presented a real challenge to further united action in the Fresno section.

Herber Heads Harbor Area NAE Committee

SAN PEDRO, Calif.—The Harbor Area Ministerial Association, which is one of the most active NAE committees in California, recently elected new officers with Rev. Stanley J. Herber, pastor, Free Methodist Church, San Pedro, President. The vice-president is Rev. Roy Nelson, pastor, First Baptist Church, San Pedro; secretary, Rev. Sidney A. Hatch, pastor, Grace Baptist Church, Wilmington, and treasurer, Rev. Carl Jordan, superintendent, Beacon Light Mission, San Pedro.

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Great Crowds Hearing Appelman in Australia

HOBART, Australia.—Multitudes have been crowding out the largest town halls in Melbourne, Ballarat, Bendigo, Warnambool, Geelong, Launceston, and Hobart to hear the noted American evangelist, Dr. Hyman Appelman. That the hearts of saint and sinner alike have been touched, as never before, as they have been brought face to face with a living Saviour, is evidenced by the more than 3,500 people who have been dealt with personally in the inquiry rooms during the first six weeks of the campaign. Of these, approximately 2,500 were professions of faith. Churches, preachers, people, cities are being stirred. The six months' Gospel crusade is being sponsored by Christian communions and auxiliary organizations of Australia.

From Hobart, Evangelist Appelman goes to Adelaide, Sydney, Brisbane,

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UEA EDITORIAL

MURCH:

The Apostasy of Silence

WE are living in a time of great apostasy in the church. It is a common thing for men in high places in the life of the leading Protestant communions to deny the deity of Jesus Christ and other cardinal doctrines of historic Christianity.

This apostasy of denial is very dangerous especially when brilliant and influential men are involved. But there is a more common and equally dangerous type of apostasy which is generally overlooked. It is the apostasy of silence.

When a Christian minister cherishes doubts about any essential doctrine and the doubts grow into inner denial of its truth he is just as guilty before God as his outspoken brother. He may find it difficult to bring his denial before the public for any number of reasons. He might hesitate to pain his orthodox friends. He might know that his congregation is not ready to accept "new discoveries" and that if he made open denial he would lose his job. He is still a churchman and he shudders at the idea that he should take his place outside the church among her enemies and critics. The path of silence is the path of least resistance.

He no longer speaks of the "deity" of Christ but he gilds the Savior's tomb with flowery words about His "divinity." He no longer calls the Bible the "Word of God", but lectures eloquently on it as "the world's greatest literature." He no longer sermonizes on "the power of the blood of Christ to save men from sin" but gives soothing sermonettes on "the fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man." The congregation, which is evangelical at heart but knows little about the teachings of the Scriptures and the wily ways of liberal theology, is blissfully unaware that it is being fed on substitutes for the Bread of Life. Souls are not saved, spiritual life is not being nourished and soon pernicious anemia develops.

This state of things is widely prevalent in America today. In a recent remarkable article by Mr. Henry Luce on "The New Age of the Church" published in the *Christian Century*,* he says: "The fashionable Protestantism of the last decades was a non-creedal, non-theological, non-ecclesiastical Protestantism. It found many passages in the Scriptures to support its intellectually, fuzzy, morally weak goodwillism." He also quotes from Canon Wedel this terrible but true indictment: "An entire generation or more has grown up, even within the churches, who have never heard the true Christian gospel."

What can be done about this apostasy of silence? Very little. Most denominations have not set up any system for dealing with it. In fact, many of their leaders are afflicted with the same trouble. In order to keep both "liberals" and evangelicals in their ranks peaceful and to assure their continued gifts to denominational enterprises they usually refuse to commit themselves on doctrinal matters even under pressure.

Those of us who are aware of what is going on can use whatever influence we have in our local churches and in the other Christian organizations to which we belong to see that only willing and open witnesses to the fundamentals of the faith are given positions of leadership. That might help.

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The Pope Calls a Halt

IT is a matter of common knowledge that there have been conversations between friends of the World Council of Churches and leaders in the Roman Catholic Church at the national level looking toward some sort of participation of Romanists in the forthcoming Amsterdam meeting.

Possibly these unofficial confabs have been actuated by a sincere desire on the part of the individuals concerned to see all followers of Christ united. It is quite as possible that some of them have had ulterior motives. Visionary proponents of the World Council may have hoped for some sort of rapprochement which would result in a more effective "super church." Crafty Romanists, as intimated by *Time*†, may have hoped for a union of all Christendom with the Pope as supreme. It is certain that World Council leaders approached the Roman Hierarchy asking them to participate in the sessions at Amsterdam as "unofficial observers."

Now all these ecumenical dreams have been rudely dashed to the ground. The Supreme Sacred Congregation of the Holy Office of which the Pope is the Prefect has issued a "Warning" which apears in Lat-

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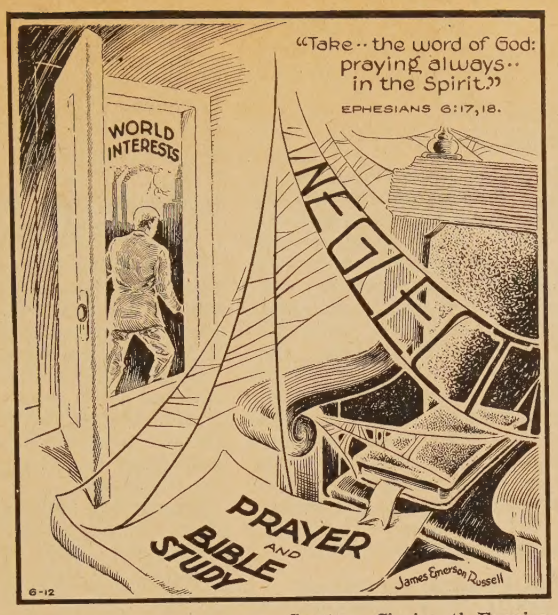

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The Great Transgression

heart seek blessed communion with God. In His presence examine your life and see to what extent you personally must own a part of the responsibility for the present world situation. Ask His forgiveness and make your heart's peace with Him. Then you are in position to plead with Him as your personal Lord for the things which seem to be in His will. Then when you come into the fellowship for united prayer your petitions will not be crippled and ineffective. All of us need to feel a vital, personal responsibility in this matter.

Let us have prayer and *more* prayer. but let us be sure we build on the true foundation.

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Toward a Better Day

ONE of the most important and significant resolutions adopted at the recent Chicago convention of the National Association of Evangelicals was that which dealt with the attitude of the NAE toward the American Council of Christian Churches. The text is as follows:

WHEREAS, through the years during which our National Association of Evangelicals has been in existence there has been active a parallel organization, differing somewhat in certain policies of operation, but fully evangelical in its doctrine and valiant in its witness against apostasy.

Be it resolved that we, the National Association of Evangelicals, do hereby declare our evangelical oneness of heart with the American Council of Christian Churches and our desire for unity of action recognizing fully their right to represent a constituency differing from our own in certain principles of action, and further

Be it resolved that we call upon all our people to pray that God will grant both to the constituency and to the leaders of these two evangelical movements a spirit of Christian unity and charity for each other which shall effect a united front before the world and which shall remove any advantage to the cause of Satan growing out of disharmony in the ranks of evangelical Bible-believing Christians.

Thinking evangelicals in America deplore the fact that theirs is a divided house. They recognize the present situation, however, as one of change and growth in which there is bound to be a certain amount of controversy and disagreement on secondary matters. When evangelicals have had time to think and pray through the problems of united action it is devoutly to be hoped that they will all be of one mind and heart in matters of method. This resolution should help to pave the way to a better day.

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A return to dogmatic faith and a positive declaration of it was called for recently by Bishop Angus Dun of the Protestant Episcopal Church in Washington, D.C. Bishop Dun declared that Protestantism must once again affirm her faith in the basic doctrines of Christianity. "There must be final authority," he said and added, "The sorest temptation of the Church . . is to pretend that it can do what God can do." Then he took a body blow at present-day "liberal" ecclesiasticism: "The God who speaks to us in the Scriptures does not permit himself to be managed by men, nor by presbyteries, nor by priests, nor by bishops. We can not catch God in our little net!"

The modern minister is s o l o a d- ed with secular duties that a distinctly doctrinal and spiritual ministry is well-nigh impossible. This is not primarily his fault. He does this "extra-curricular" work by order of the church. In many cases he becomes a veritable pack horse struggling under organizational burdens of the church and the community and at the same time a miserable failure as a bearer of the "good news" of the Gospel, a healer of souls and minister of righteousness. It is a tragic perversion of the high calling of the Man of God when he is forced to neglect the higher for the lower.

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and finally Perth. He is scheduled to conclude his itinerary on September 8, after which he will return to America.

Ayer to Head YFC Evangelistic Team

CHICAGO—Dr. William Ward Ayer, popular pastor of the Calvary Baptist Church in New York City and nationally known Bible conference and revival speaker, will captain a Youth for Christ Gospel team which will travel during October and November, 1948, to Great Britain.

In announcing the British team, the first selected for the 1948-49 Youth for Christ year, Dr. Torrey M. Johnson, International president, revealed that Rev. George Edstrom, tenor soloist from Rochester, Minn. and Theodore Bergman, outstanding organist from Minneapolis, would complete the three-man group. The campaign will be Dr. Ayer's second in England.

—DENOMINATIONS—

Mennonite World Meet in August

SCOTTDALE, Pa.—(RNS)—A Mennonite World Conference will be held this summer, with sessions at Goshen, Ind., August 3-5, and Newton, Kansas, August 7-10.

Described as the most representative gathering of Mennonites ever held, the Conference will hear speakers from the United States, Canada, Holland, France, Germany, Switzerland, India and Paraguay.

Christian Reformed Church Synod Meets

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich.—The Christian Reformed Church of America will continue its affiliation with the National Association of Evangelicals for another year, according to action taken by the denomination's synod in session here.

The decision came after debate before the seventy-six man governing body of the Church, in which objections to "Arminianism and fundamentalism" in the evangelical group came from several quarters. Three hundred congregations are represented by the synod.

A $6.50 assessment on each of the 32,450 families in the Church to raise a $410,000 budget for Calvin College was adopted. Nine lay members also were named to the board of trustees of the denomination's only college and seminary, the first time in church history. Previously, the board consisted of nineteen ministers, one from each classis throughout North America. Plans also were laid to institute study leading to a doctorate in theology at Calvin Seminary.

The denomination's governing body—two ministerial and two lay representatives from each of the 19 classes throughout the country—also voted to: (1) expand the Church's weekly broadcasts of the "Back to God" hour into a coast-to-coast network; (2) open a new mission field at Nantungchow, China; (3) send three additional ordained men and a registered nurse to the China field and two more wom teachers for a school in Nigeria, Brit West Africa; (4) allot $53,000 for building program at various Indi mission fields in New Mexico, includi youth center at Farmington, N. M (5) create a chair of missions at Calv Seminary. Rev. Harry Boer, form Marine Corps chaplain, and now m sionary in Nigeria, was named to t post.

Lutheran Free Church Opposes World Council

WILLMAR, Minn. —(RNS)— De gates to the Lutheran Free Chur convention here turned down a p posal to affiliate with the World Co cil of Churches by a vote of 246 to 1

Rejection of membership in the int national body was contrary to reco mendations of Rev. T. O. Burntve Church president, and a five-memb committee which presented the mot for affiliation.

The group opposed to Council affi ation was headed by Rev. P. A. Stro men, Sand Creek, Wis. He said ma members of the Council may have "loose faith" and it would be imp sible for the Church to cooperate w "forces of unbelief."

The convention reelected all offic of the Church. T. O. Burntvedt w returned to the president's office; R Clarence J. Carlsen was renamed v president, and Rev. Sverre Torgers secretary. All are from Minneapolis Minn.

Delegates also gave the go-ahead s nal to construction of a Church he quarters building in Minneapolis a approved plans for a new administ tion and science hall building at Au burg College, Minneapolis.

Orthodox Presbyterians Hold General Assembly

WILDWOOD, N. J.—The Fiftee General Assembly of the Orthod Presbyterian Church met at Wildwo May 13-18. Rev. Edward L. Kellogg West Collingswood, N. J. was moderator, Rev. Robert Eckardt Crescent Park, N. J., clerk, and R Raymond Meiners of Schenecta N. Y., assistant clerk.

The main issue at the assembly, at the last four, stemmed from Dr. Gordon H. Clark controversy. T assembly took an action request Rev. Floyd E. Hamilton to apply missionary service in Korea. A y ago, Mr. Hamilton withdrew as a m sionary candidate after several days debate on his theological views wh coincided with those of Dr. Clark.

The Foreign Missions Committee ported an increase of contributions d ing the past fiscal year, though expenditures exceeded the income. T need for reinforcements in the vari missions was called to the attention the assembly. Ministers Charles E John H. Skilton, and James W. Pi and Elders Harting of Wilmingt Brown of Norristown and Campb of Silver Spring were elected to committee. Elder Murray Forst Thom son, staunch opponent of those v have held the views of Hamilton Clark and a member of the commit from its inception, was not reelecte

The Home Missions Committee ported that it had granted a th per cent cost-of-living bonus dur

t year to the missionaries and iving pastors serving under it. ssembly responded favorably to uest of the Christian Reformed for fraternal relations. Rev. . Galbraith was elected a fra- delegate to this year's Chris- formed Synod and Rev. John P. d for next year.

as decided, if the funds become le, to send Dr. Ned B. Stone- s as a delegate to the Amsterdam g called by the American Coun- Christian Churches for the pur- f setting up an international of churches. He will not have wer of committing the church bership in the proposed council. next general assembly will be Los Angles in July, 1949.

med Church Votes Stay in the FCCCA

K HILL FALLS, Pa.—(RNS)— eformed Church in America will ue its membership in the Federal l of Churches for the next year the avowed purpose of getting uncil to take positions doctrinal- re consonant with a Biblical ianity," it was voted here by the l Synod.

Synod took the action after four of debate on a report prepared special committee which recom- d by a 5-1 vote, that the Church ue its affiliation.

reserve the privilege of voicing approval of anything that in our e judgment, contradicts or con- es or tends to compromise the mental tenets of the historic ian faith," the Synod said.

lan of union with the United yterian Church was accepted for by local churches and groups. ocal groups will weigh the plan the next year. At the 1949 ns of the General Synod the with possible revision, will come up for discussion. If it is ved then it will be returned to cal churches for a vote.

nwhile, the General Synod voted ld its 1949 meeting at Buck Hill and invited the United Presby- Church to hold its sessions next at the same place. While the two ntions would be held separately n joint activities were proposed. vas announced that the Reformed h was joining with the United yterians in the publication of two ymnals, and that a joint project ne publication of Sunday school ture would be expanded.

pecial commission was appointed e Synod to study possible coopera- with the United Presbyterian h in the establishment of a col- n Los Angeles.

Synod adopted a budget of ,000 for missions and Christian tion, of which $250,000 will go for eas relief.

. Henry J. Beltman, minister of ark Hill Reformed church of Los es, Cal., was elected Synod presi- and Rev. Abraham Rynbrandt, ter of the First Reformed church eland, Mich., was named vice- lent.

rene Assembly Held St. Louis Draws 15,000

LOUIS, Mo.—The Twelfth Quadrennial General Assembly of the Church of the Nazarene convened here, from June 20 to 28, preceded by conventions of the youth organization and women's organization of the denomination which met simultaneously June 17 to 19. Delegates and visitors numbering approximately 15,000 attended the assembly and the convention, representing the 58 districts of the Church of the Nazarene in the United States, Canada, and the British Isles, and the 23 foreign countries in which mission work is carried on.

A special program of evangelism was adopted by the denomination, called the Mid-Century Crusade for Souls, with goals of 50,000 new church members, 1,000 new churches and $5,000,000 for missions, for the new quadrennium.

The Board of General Superintendents elected by the delegation to serve for the next four year term consists of: Dr. H. V. Miller, Brooktondale, N. Y., Dr. Hardy C. Powers, Dallas, Texas; Dr. G. B. Williamson, Kansas City, Mo., Dr. Orval J. Nease, Pasadena, Calif.; and Dr. Samuel Young, Wollaston, Mass. The first three were re-elected to the office while Dr. Nease, a member of the faculty of Pasadena College in Pasadena, Calif., and Dr. Young, president of the Eastern Nazarene College of Wollaston, were newly elected to the position.

Other general officers chosen for the denomination include: Dr. S. T. Ludwig, Kansas City, general secretary; Mr. John Stockton, Kansas City, treasurer, and Dr. Stephen S. White, Kansas City, editor of the *Herald of Holiness*, the official publication of the church. Dr. Albert F. Harper, Kansas City, was elected Editor-in-Chief of church school publications. Mrs. Louise R. Chapman of Vicksburg, Michigan, was chosen to head the Women's Foreign Missionary Society, with Miss Emma B. Word of Kansas City as the secretary and treasurer; and Dr. Mendell Taylor of Kansas City was elected president of the international youth group, with Dr. L. J. DuBois of Kansas City, the executive secretary. The Rev. Mr. Remiss Rehfeldt of Des Moines, Iowa, was chosen Foreign Missions secretary for the group.

Support Asked for International Conference

The Conference of Evangelical Leaders to be held in Clarens, Switzerland, August 7 to 10 will bring many of Europe and America's key leaders together for the first time. The objective is to establish on a world wide basis an effective voice for the preservation of Christian liberty which is endangered by the rise of religious hierarchies.

The immediate and liberal support of every missionary minded evangelical is needed urgently to cover the necessary expenses of this significant gathering. Only money especially designated for this purpose can be applied to these expenses.

Send your gift today to International Conference Fund making your check payable to National Association of Evangelicals, 542 So. Dearborn St., Chicago 5, Ill.

Canadian Presbyterian Conservatives Growing

TORONTO, Can.—Meeting in Knox Church, the seventy-fourth annual General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada was held here June 2 to 10.

The increasing strength of the conservative forces, which has been apparent in recent years, was clearly shown in the major decisions reached.

The Church's missionary policy of participation in the Church of Christ in China was finally settled. It has been a highly contentious issue before the Presbyteries and successive Assemblies since 1943. The final decision, recognized as a conservative victory, was that continued support be given the four or five missionaries already sent out, but that there be no further participation in this work.

Cooperation with two other Churches in a joint Divinity Faculty at McGill University, Montreal, was also defeated. This proposal was considered by many to be the spearhead of the ecumenical movement in the Dominion. Rejected in 1945 by only 2 votes, the renewed proposal was this year thrown out by a decisive vote of almost 2 to 1.

Rev. Dr. Robert Lennox was appointed principal of Montreal Presbyterian College.

The Presbyterian Church in Canada has 180,000 members. It did not enter the Union with the Methodist and Congregational Churches in 1925.

Unitarian Assails "Tired Liberals"

BOSTON—(RNS)—Dr. Frederick May Eliot, president of the American Unitarian Association, assailed the unwitting treason of "tired liberals" and called for "a rebirth of the soul of liberalism," in addressing the annual meeting of the Association here recently.

The statement seemed to carry the implication that the so-called "liberal" movement in religion is marking time if not disintegrating in face of the grim realities of the atomic age.

Methodist Leader Asked About Communist Friends

LOS ANGELES, Calif.—From his pulpit at the Trinity Methodist Church, Dr. D. H. (Don) Householder recently hurled a sensational challenge at Dr. George A Warmer, newly appointed superintendent of the Los Angeles district of the Methodist Church.

He read a copy of an open letter sent Dr. Warmer which said in part:

"It is only natural for a people to want to know about a man who is to occupy such an important place of leadership. . . .

"I have been interested in the fourth report of the Un-American Activities Committee of California, the official legislative committee of our State Assembly.

"I note on Page 185 that you are one of the sponsors of the American Youth for Democracy in the state. . . . I also note that on page 358 your name is among those who supported the

William Schneiderman and Sam Darcy defense committee.

"Mr. Schneiderman, as you know, is head of the Communist Party in California . . ."

Dr. Householder declared that Trinity Church members "do not have a blind spot when it comes to the evils, injustices and inequalities that are existent in our country but we do not believe there is anything wrong with America that Communism will cure."

He finished by asking Dr. Warmer to issue a statement in his behalf.

Dr. Warmer, reached at San Diego after the address, said "I am not a Communist and my own personal record is clear." He declined to answer the letter publicly or "to enter into any controversy whatsoever."

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Finnish Lutherans May Establish Mission Field

EVELETH, Minn.—(RNS)—More than 200 delegates to the national convention of the Finnish Suomi Synod (Lutheran) considered proposal here to establish a mission field for the Church. Dr. A. Haapanen, Hancock, Mich., president of the synod, said the Church now contritbutes to mission work through the Finnish Missionary Society.

The synod president also disclosed plans for extending the two-year curriculum of Hancock Junior college to four years.

He told delegates of the "urgent need" for at least ten more pastors to serve the 175 congregations of the synod. The Church now has seventy-three pastors to care for the spiritual needs of 60,000 regular worshipers.

Premillennial Fellowship To Meet in Chattanooga

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—The first annual southwide conference of the Southern Baptist Premillennial Fellowship will meet September 21, 22 in the Highland Park Baptist Church, here. Dr. Lee Roberson is host pastor of the conference.

A pastors' conference will be held Tuesday, led by Dr. Chas Stevens, Winston-Salem, N. C. Wednesday a Fellowship luncheon is scheduled. Among the speakers scheduled to address this historic gathering will be Dr. W. Herschel Ford, pastor First Baptist Church, El Paso, Texas, and Dr. Stevens.

It is significant that the first southwide meeting of the SBPF will convene in the church which has led the Southern Baptist Convention in baptisms for the past three years.

Reformed Presbyterians Meet in General Synod

CLAY CENTER, Kan.—The 125th meeting of the General Synod of the Reformed Presbyterian Church was held in the Reformed Presbyterian Church here recently.

Meeting west of the Mississippi River for the first time in its history, the General Synod was opened with a sermon by the retiring Moderator, Rev. Charles F. Pfeiffer, pastor of the Fifth Reformed Presbyterian Church of Philadelphia. Following the sermon the Court proceeded to the election of the new Moderator. Rev. Samuel S. Ward, pastor of the Coulterville Reformed Presbyterian Church and president of the Board of Home Missions, was chosen.

A drive for a ten per cent increase in membership, and a twenty per cent increase in missionary giving was the feature of the meeting.

A General Secretary of Missions was chosen to coordinate the work of the Board of Home Missions and the Foreign Mission Board, with headquarters at Darlington, Beaver County, Pa. "The whole Word for the whole World" becomes the theme as the new General Secretary, Mr. J. Wayne Graham, an elder in the Fairview (Pa.) Reformed Presbyterian Church, endeavors to unify the mission program of seeking the unsaved in the homel at Houston Mission in the mount of Kentucky, and at Los Angeles] sion and abroad in the United] vinces of India with six native chu es, and in Shanghai, China. Mr. (ham was formerly executive secre of the Board of Home Missions.

Encouraging reports were he from the constituent boards agencies of the denomination.

Rev. Waldo Chesnut, Ph.D., guest of honor at an anniversary ner celebrating his attendance at s meetings of the General Synod.

The General Synod accepted the vitation from the Fifth Refor Presbyterian Church of Philadel to hold their 1949 meeting there May 19-23, 1949.

Friends Pastors Meet Hear Church Leaders

WHITTIER, Calif.—Pastors of (fornia Yearly Meeting of Friends recently at the Lockman Founda Camp in Orange County for the an three-day "Advance".

Speakers included John Astlef missionary, who brought the pas up to date regarding the Friends sion work in Guatemala. Dr. Ja Forester, president of Westmont lege, Santa Barbara, spoke to group on the subject of "Christian E cation in the Present Day." T. Eug Coffin, superintendent of Youth Friends, spoke on "The Future of Friends Church." Definite plans strengthened church work grew ou that session. Dr. J. T. Zamrazil sp on the subject 'The Future of E gilcal Protestantism in the World. Ernest Lamb, closed the confer with a message on 'The Resale V of a Minister."

Everett Craven, retiring presider the Pastors' Association of Califo Yearly Meeting of Friends, preside all sessions. Leonard Gilmour, se tary-treasurer of the group, conta the speakers and arranged the m and lodging. New officers were ele Hubert Nicholson, Montebello Fri pastor, was chosen president.

Free Church Plans Aggressive Program

ROCKFORD, Ill.—The sixty-fo annual conference of The Evange Free Church of America, larges history with 333 voting delegates, here from June 23-27 and vote nanimously to start missionary w in Japan, authorized the calling full-time Sunday School and y worker and took the first step ward merger with the Evange Free Church Association.

Also given conference approval the raising of $150,000 for an Exte Fund to build churches in new munities throughout the land.

Rev. Ray Schulenberg of Mo Ill., was re-elected conference mo tor, with G. W. Aldeen, outstan Christian industrialist from Roc as vice-chairman. Rev. Paul Cassel re-named president of the Minist Association and Mrs. Clifford Ca of Rockford re-elected head of Women's Missionary Society.

The missionary work in Japan be started through the Scandin Alliance Mission. It will be the f

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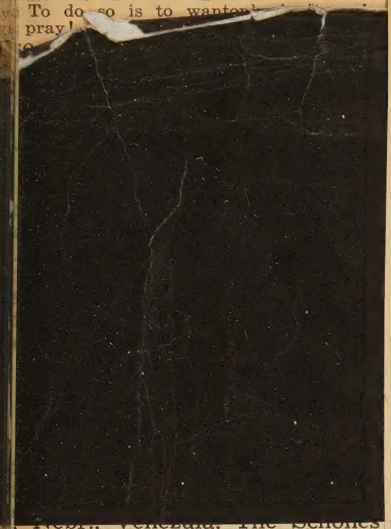

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nty-six members were admitted
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Two young men — Rev. Ward
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e ordained at the Sunday morn-
rvice of the conference.
ancial receipts for the year total-
272,000.00, $40,000 more than a
ago and more than double the
of 1944.
conference also voted to build
nary homes and churches in
Kong, China, and Libenge, Bel-
Congo, Africa, and authorized
nary survey trips for Rev. Elmer
on, Rockford, Chairman of the
of Foreign Missions, and Secre-
H. G. Rodine to Venezuela some
within the coming year.
wds totalling 7,000 were present
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were addressed by Dr. Harold
ndquist, Chicago; Moderator
enberg; Dr. Arnold L. Olson,
n Island, N. Y., moderator of the
gelical Free Church Association;
H. B. Prince; Dr. E. A. Halleen;
Rev. Arley Bragg of Minneapolis;
Albert Peterson of Ottumwa,
and Dr. Robert A. Cook of Chica-
d Youth for Christ.
e 1948 conference will be held at
on Farms on Medicine Lake, ten
out of Minneapolis, Minnesota,
June 13-19, 1949.

omination Gains ome 3,000 Members

RTSBURGH, Pa.—More than 3,000
bers were gained by the United
byterian Church of North America
ne church year, 1947-48, which
d last March 31, according to fig-
released by Dr. O. H. Milligan,
of the General Assembly.
tal membership of the denomina-
as of March 31, was 205,677, a
gain of 3,072 in the past; total
sions numbered 18,914, of which
7 made profession of faith, and
removals, 15,842, of which 2,246
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mpared with figures for baptisms
nistered in the previous year, this
year's statistics show an increase of 1,310 in infant baptisms and a decrease of 249 in adult baptisms.

The clerk's report on finances of the denomination indicated a gain over the previous year in practically every item. Contributions to all purposes increased by $860,894 to $8,557,757; average per member, by $3.70 to $41.70.

Conservative Baptist Association Functions

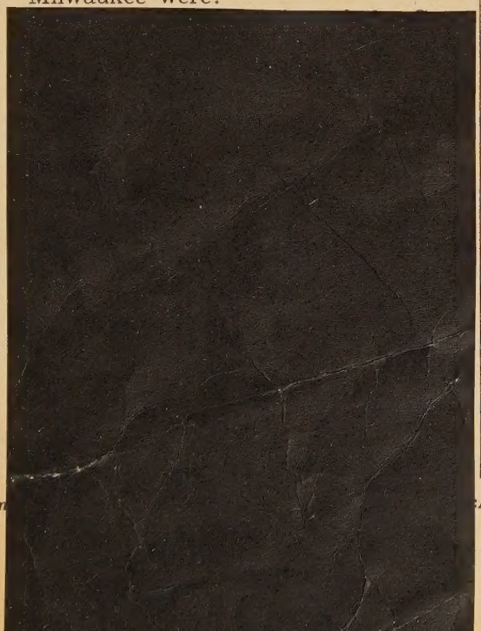
CHICAGO.—The Conservative Baptist Association of America which was tentatively launched at Atlantic City, New Jersey, in May 1947, was organized on a permanent basis in a Constitutional Convention held recently in the Convention Hall at Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

A Constitution, which had been presented to the Conservative Baptist constituency during the past year for study, was adopted. Membership in the Conservative Baptist Association of America is on a confessional basis which declares allegiance to the Bible as the inspired Word of God, the Virgin Birth of Jesus Christ, His Deity, vicarious death, bodily resurrection, and imminent return. Baptist churches and individuals committed to the Association's doctrinal position, its purposes, and program are eligible for membership in the Association which promises to be a mighty evangelistic and missionary force throughout America.

The organization of the Conservative Baptist Association of America is a result of a protest movement within the Northern Baptist Convention against the Convention's "inclusive policy" which sanctions and condones liberalism. The Conservative Baptist Association of America provides an agency for Bible-believing Baptists through which they can find mutual fellowship and give implementation to the Great Commission. Charter membership will be held open until April 30, 1949.

Dr. Sam Bradford, pastor of the Beth Eden Baptist Church, Denver, Colo., was elected President, succeeding Dr. Gabriel R. Guedj, pastor of the Baptist Temple, Brooklyn, N. Y. Rev. I. Cedric Peterson, pastor of the Lorimer Memorial Baptist Church, Chicago, Ill., was appointed General Director of the new Baptist Association.

Other actions of "conservatives" at Milwaukee were:



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—ASSEMBLIES—

Peniel Bible Camp Schedules Speakers

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—Peniel Bible Camp convenes again this year at Medicine Lake August 2-16. A large attendance is indicated. Among the conference leaders will be Dr. James Cuthbertson, Dr. Norman B. Harrison, Dr. J. Enos Windsor, Rev. William Byus, Rev. G. W. Watteson, Rev. Orval C. Butcher, Rev. A. Cabot Johnson, Rev. Wilbur C. Westerdahl and Dr. Paul S. Rees. (The speakers' list published in UEA, June 1, was in error).

There will be an intensive youth program consisting of Bible study, choir, orchestra, devotionals, supervised recreation, etc. All ages are served.

Church of God Will Hold Montana Camp

BOZEMAN, Mont.—The first camp meeting conducted by the Church of God (Pentecostal) in this area will be held twenty-seven miles south of Bozeman, on Highway 191 beginning July 20 and concluding July 30.

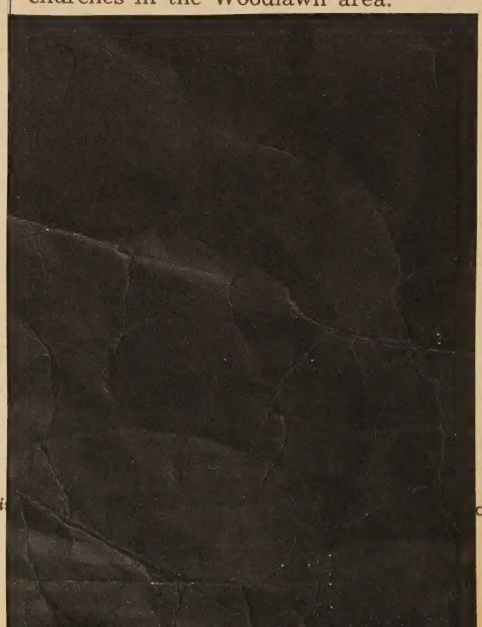
Rev. J. G. Hall will be Bible teacher and Rev. F. W. Lemons has been engaged as camp evangelist. Rev. Wm. Pospisil of Harlowtown, overseer for the Montana-Wyoming area, announces that in conjunction with this camp for adults a youth camp will be conducted.

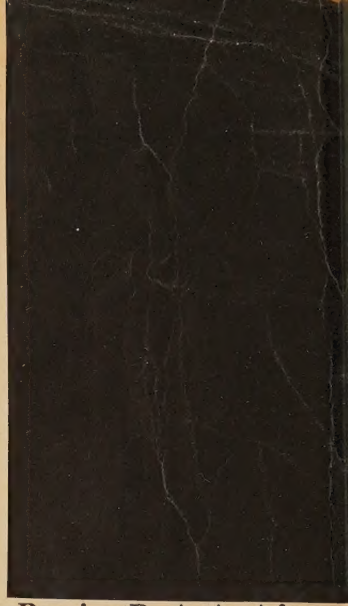
—PUBLIC AFFAIRS—

Pastors Oppose Bible Teaching in Schools

BIRMINGHAM, Ala.—(RNS)—Proposals for an elective, non-sectarian Bible course in Birmingham public schools have met with protest from the Birmingham Pastors Association.

The proposals came to the Birmingham Board of Education in a resolution presented by Circuit Judge E. M. Creel and the Rev. John W McQueen, pastor of the Woodlawn Presbyterian church, asking that the course be offered in Woodlawn High School. They said their move was "endorsed by about twenty organizations and churches in the Woodlawn area."





Russian Protestants' Disappearance Mystery

NEW YORK.—Over 700,0 gelical Christians and Bap missing and unaccounted-for Russia, according to auth sources. Before World War Protestant bodies numbered They now number 300,000. leived that before the Red R there were 2,000,000 membe 600 pastors were shot by firin at that time.

Although the present mer of Evangelicals and Baptists ported to be in a prosperous by Dr. Louie D. Newton, forn dent of the Southern Bapt vention, after his recent visit t it has recently become strang warm toward other Baptis throughout the world. The leaders are closely linked Soviet "powers that be" and lieved that many of the true are leaving the church in against its close relations state.

Women Prohibitionists Launch Prayer Crusade

FRANKFORT, Ind.—A call er on the part of every citizen in America has been i the Prayer Crusade of the Prohibition Women's Committ

The document, which is bein distributed, follows:

Inasmuch as every thinking Christ that America is facing her most cru and that her every freedom is pe volved; inasmuch as the nationa chaos has reached proportions tha himself cannot correct; and ins the question of presidential and vice- election is a matter for immediate think it compelling to make an for prayer and fasting on the pa true Christian and ask that **Frida week** be set apart as a day of prayer that God will regard our p needful state and answer the pray people as they humble themselves and acknowledge their need and upon Him.

We think it well to urge that e political move during this coming election campaign be repeatedly mad of prayer particularly, that the na ventions of the major parties being the summer season be remembered in earnest prayer that no subver will be given room to secretly cherished freedoms of our beloved

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Court Upholds
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ANY, N. Y.—The Court of Ap-
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unanimously upheld a decision
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ged the constitutionality of a
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MISSIONS

World Missionary
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SHINGTON, D. C.—(RNS)—A
Missionary Aviation Conference
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ying in China, India, Africa,
, South America, Australia and
, attended the sessions. A tenta-
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n executive commitee was elect-

Daniel Nelson, China relief di-
for the Lutheran World Federa-
vas named president, with Rev.
Perkin of the Assemblies of God

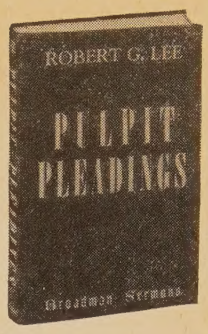
Army Liquidating
Old Devil's Island

NEW YORK.—For over a century the words "Devil's Island" have stood for the hardest form of penal servitude the modern world knows. Plays, films, novels have dramatized this final shame on French justice.

Now Devil's Island is being liquidated and 1,700 men are being repatriated by the Salvation Army.

It was twenty years ago that the Army sent a young French Ensign to investigate the conditions of the life of the convicts. His report was tragic enough telling of men living in forests, working in swamps and existing in conditions of indescribable misery. But it also revealed the grave injustice being done to the 2,000 so-called "liberated" men who had served their sentences but were compelled to remain on the island for years equal to double their sentences.

Ensign Pean who made that report returned to France and the Army immediately began an intensive propaganda campaign for the dissolution of the settlement. Parallel with this agitation, the Army went into action with social services such as an hostel, workshop and farm for the "liberated" who, disillusioned and hopeless, were decaying on the island. A library, mo-



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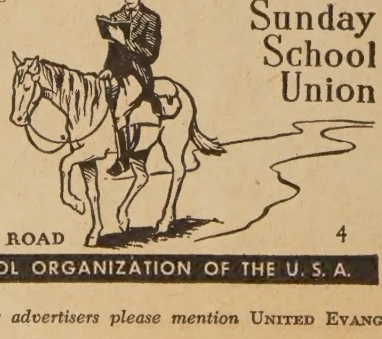

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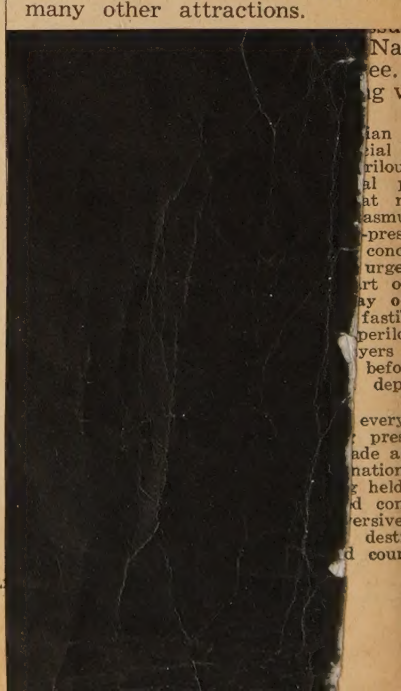
—EDUCATION

Tennessee Seminary Now "Southeastern"

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn.—Tenn Temple Theological Seminary changed its name to the Southea Baptist Theological Seminary. institution is now in a drive for 000 to erect a new four-story ing. Dr. Alfred A. Cierpke is of the Seminary.

Lutherans Seek to Develop University

VALPARAISO, Ind.—The Lut University Association met at paraiso University recently in co tion with the Founders' Day exe of the institution.

The University, owned and ope by the Missouri Synod Luthera rapidly growing. It is the plan c denomination to develop it into of the great universities of Am Visitors on Founders' Day four buildings on the campus open faculty, administration and stu acting as hosts; special services programs; displays of work done; concerts by orchestras, and choirs; dramatic presentation many other attractions.